

NOTE: This document is provisional and will be updated as needed.

CDC is revising its HIV counseling and testing guidelines. Separate guidelines are being developed for HIV testing in health care settings and HIV counseling, testing, and referral in non-healthcare settings. The guidance provided in this document may change, depending on the results of the guideline revision process; however, until that time, the recommendations in this document should be adhered to.

Specifically, Revised Recommendations for HIV Testing of Adults, Adolescents, and Pregnant Women in Health Care Settings will be published later in 2006. They will replace CDC's 1993 Recommendations for HIV Testing Services for Inpatients and Outpatients in Acute-Care Hospital Settings; and they will update aspects of CDC's 2001 Revised Guidelines for HIV Counseling, Testing, and Referral that apply to health care settings and the 2001 Revised Recommendations for HIV Screening of Pregnant Women. In addition, the process for updating recommendations for HIV testing in non-healthcare settings is under way, with publication expected in 2007.

Also, CDC is revising its guidelines for partner counseling and referral services. The revised guidelines will replace the Partner Counseling and Referral Services guidelines published in 1998. Publication of the revised guidelines is expected in 2007.

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